



Old Braeswood News

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Letter from the President

Welcome back from your summer travels and other fun activities! Much has happened in Old Braeswood since our Spring newsletter.

Our April Neighborhood Garage Sale, chaired by George and Erica Hittner, was its usual success. Some 14 households participated, and new features included an ice cream truck and a lemonade stand hosted by neighborhood children. In May, a former resident hosted an estate sale so extensively publicized that cars lined the 2400-2500 block of Glen Haven for the three-day duration. Many residents complained that they could not enter or exit their driveways, and the Executive Committee (EC) will be revisiting Old Braeswood's Garage & Estate Sale pilot program enacted in 2023.

In June, based on positive neighborhood feedback about the Harris County Constable Patrol Service that has patrolled Old Braeswood since October 2025, the Patrol Committee recommended that our contract with the constable's service be renewed. Although 2027 constable fees have increased to \$108,320 per deputy (up from \$99,050 in 2026), or \$216,640 for the two deputies we currently have in place (up from \$199,100 in 2026), the EC voted to renew the constable contract, which will run from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

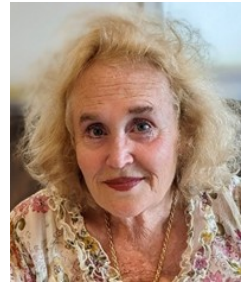
Currently, only about 60% of Old Braeswood households contribute to the constable patrol service that benefits us all. In the past, we have relied heavily on large donations from a small number of residents to fund the patrol service, but we cannot always count on those donations. Due to the increase in constable fees, we need the generosity of all of our neighbors. To make a pledge to the 2027 constable patrol, please contact us at info@OldBraeswood.com. Patrol support levels are included on page 4 of this newsletter. As always, all patrol contributions will go only toward the Old Braeswood Constable Patrol.

At our Spring Executive Committee meeting we had an excellent turnout of residents who took the opportunity to offer their input on a number of neighborhood issues, including the constable service. Some suggested that we increase the number of constable shifts in order to achieve 24-hour coverage. However, the increase in constable fees will make it more difficult to afford our current two contracts, much less full-time coverage. We discussed various affordability options, including increasing the minimum level of patrol contributions or enacting mandatory dues and patrol fees (which would require approval of 75% of neighborhood residents). EC member Chuck Ames and his wife Vanessa (who co-chaired our 2026 Constable Patrol Fundraising Committee) agreed to prepare a neighborhood poll asking for input from residents as to how to resolve our patrol funding concerns. Please take the opportunity to express your opinions when the poll comes out—we need the input of all of our residents in order to address the issues facing our neighborhood.

In July, Old Braeswood fell victim to the wave of Flock camera vandalism currently sweeping the country. All four of our Flock license plate readers (LPRs) were vandalized, likely by folks hoping to make a political statement. Fortunately, Flock agreed to cover the cost of repairs. In light of the ongoing debate regarding the cameras' usefulness as a law enforcement tool vs the public's right to privacy, the EC is interested in your opinion and has sent out a neighborhood poll. Please respond to it if you haven't already done so.

We are looking forward to cooler weather and the many activities that occur in Old Braeswood during the autumn months. Please save the date for our annual Neighborhood Night Out on Tuesday, October 6—we hope to see you all there! For those who may be new to our neighborhood, we encourage you to become involved in one or more of our neighborhood activities, including the Garden Club, the Book Club, or the recently established Mahjong group. For more information about any of these activities, please visit www.OldBraeswood.com and click on the Committees page.

Ann Blackwood



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Centennial Celebration! Neighbor-to-Neighbor Tour Set for November 8

Old Braeswood's Centennial celebrations kick off with a very special Neighbor-to-Neighbor Tour on **Sunday, November 8, 2:00–5:00 pm.**

Six wonderful houses will be open, representing the major periods of building during Old Braeswood's development and evolution: the founding decades, the midcentury, and our current era. The houses on the tour are:

2318 Blue Bonnet (Christine & Joseph Manca), a Colonial Revival style from 1931



2307 Blue Bonnet (Blanten Filak), a noted example of modern architecture



2430 Glen Haven (Andrea & Bob Lapsley), commissioned by the owners in 2014 to re-create the original traditional house and to accommodate their collections



2518 Bellefontaine (Carol Rowley), a 1950 ranch house



2527 Glen Haven (Christine & Craig Shenkman), a contemporary house built in 2021–22



2510 Bellefontaine (Pat & Mike Inselmann), a ranch house from 1954



The tradition of autumn house tours in Old Braeswood began 10 years ago with the Candlelight Tour, presented by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Houston Mod, in conjunction with the National Trust's national conference held in November 2016. That was a memorable evening, with a neighborhood-wide power outage punctuating the tour that required the Candlelight Tour literally to be by candlelight! The success of that tour inspired Old Braeswood's Preservation Committee to initiate a series of house tours expressly for our neighborhood.

The 2026 tour will be the seventh of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Tours. This special Centennial edition is the first one to feature six houses! Don't miss this opportunity to visit with neighbors while enjoying the wide variety of homes in Old Braeswood.

More Old Braeswood Centennial Celebrations Coming Soon!

Winter/Spring 2027: Everyone will be invited to a series of **Block Parties** that will highlight various eras of our neighborhood's history, including the early decades, the 1950s and '60s, and the more recent era. Also in the works is a special **Family Celebration**, including a parade and a party in the park with plenty of activities for children and grownups alike.

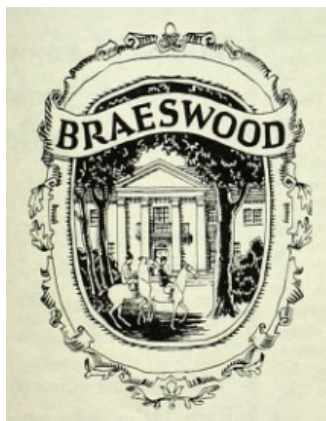
Fall 2027: Commemorations will include a fun and informative series of evening **Lectures on Old Braeswood's History** incorporating a social hour.

Spring 2028: The **Grand Finale** of the Centennial celebrations will be a fabulous **Party for Adults** in early spring. Look forward to an evening of glamour and reminiscences of the wonderful neighborhood we call home!

Additional plans to commemorate the Old Braeswood Centennial include **publications, online exhibitions, t-shirts, signage**, and more!

The Centennial Committee chair is Christine Manca, and committee members include Ann Blackwood, Fran Callahan, Ann Garnett, Amanda Parker, Susan Teich, and Marcella Watkins. Feel free to reach out to committee members with ideas, suggestions, or questions, or to volunteer to help.

We hope to welcome former residents back to the neighborhood to join in the celebrations. If you have friends who grew up in Old Braeswood or who moved away, contact Christine Manca to have them added to our contact list, so that we can keep them in the loop as plans continue to be developed.



Early 2027 Patrol Subscribers

Thanks to the following neighbors for your pledges and early payments for the 2027 for Old Braeswood Constable Patrol. Your generosity has allowed us to continue to provide patrols by the Pct. 1 Constables through the coming year.

If you have not already pledged or made an early payment, annual requests will be mailed in January 2027. Or you can send an email with your pledge to info@OldBraeswood.com. See levels listed on page 4.

Titanium (\$10,000)

*Erica & George Hittner
Meredith & Ryan Maierson
Jordan & Dylan Seff*

Platinum (\$5,000)

*Eileen Brewer
Santos & Richard Hinojosa
Deborah McCoy & Robert Keenan*

Gold (\$2,500)

*Sandra & Stephen Barnett
Janet Bruner
Fran & Tom Callahan
Peggy & Martin Fischer
Lois & Dr. William Garcia
Erin & Brian Goldman
Amanda & John Seaberg
Christine & Craig Shenkman*

Silver (\$1,000)

*Marian & Gary Beauchamp
Dena & Richard Beaver
Nancy Beren
Ann Blackwood
Patricia & Ian Butler
Helen & Tony Davenport
Joanne & Andy Doyle
Courtney & Chris Duperier
Robin Fredrickson & Jeff Munoz
Katie Beth & Adam Gottlieb
Lindsey & Jesse Hirsch
Wei Shen & Weihua Jiang
Harriet & Michael Katzeff
Lynne & Steve King
Andrea & Robert Lapsley
Alexandra & Peter Lippert
Erin & Jim McDade
Amanda & Daniel Parker
Jessica & Ethan Phillips
Ginger Cathey & Carlos Ramos
Maribel Reuter
Anne & Alex Roberts
Rita & Bal Sareen
Barbie & Don Schaffer
Emily & Josh Schaffer
Rosalind & Gillis Schwartz
Nicole & David Singer
Sherri & Garrett Walsh*

Bronze (\$600)

*Mohammad Ahmed
Ann Schutt-Aine & Rubin Bashir
Sharon Coan
Blanten Filak
Janice Gregory
Gayle & Scott Hoffer
Joanne Swartz & Randy Newman
Anam Kamal & Muhammad Shahab*

Changes to Heavy Trash Collection

Without warning, fanfare, or any semblance of a formal announcement, the city's Solid Waste Division has cut back its heavy trash and tree waste collection service. Instead of 12 monthly collection dates per year, the schedule has been reduced to six collections every other month. For Old Braeswood households, heavy trash and tree waste will be collected on our regularly scheduled day: the third Monday in even months. **The next collection date is Monday, October 19.**

For the past few years, the Solid Waste Department has been searching for ways to cut back on heavy trash collection and maintain sufficient staff and equipment to service entire city.

The Solid Waste website has new instructions on their website for Heavy Trash, now known as "Bulk Waste":

Place heavy trash at the curb **between 6:00 p.m. the Friday before and 7:00 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.**

Placement location: Set items just behind the curb line in front of your home. Do not place items in the street or on sidewalks.

Keep accessible: Do not stack items under wires, signs, or mailboxes; do not place on top of meters, hydrants, or other utilities; do not block pedestrian or vehicle traffic.

HHW & electronics: Do not set out household hazardous waste (chemicals, fuels, wet paint) or electronic scrap for heavy trash. Take these items to an [Environmental Service Center \(ESC\)](#).



**Celebrate Night Out
in Old Braeswood
6:00 pm, Tuesday
October 6, 2026**

**Braeswood Park
(Morningside at Maroneal)**

This event features our annual ice cream social. Come out and meet our your neighbors and our constable deputies and tell them what a good job they are doing for us!

Patrol Funding

Due to popular support, we've renewed our contract with the Harris County Constable Service. Constable contract rates have increased effective October 2026, so we need your support in order to continue with the program. Please make your contribution or pledge to the constable patrol today, if you have not already done so. Visit www.OldBraeswood.com/up/Join to make your contribution or contact us to make a pledge to be collected in early 2027 by sending a message to at info@OldBraeswood.com. You can also mail checks payable to OBPOA with "Patrol" in the memo line to our PO Box. Please give generously; remember it would take a donation of about \$1,000 per household to fund the constable patrol program through December 2027. All patrol donations will be used only to fund the constable patrol. And thanks to the 35 neighbors who have already pledged and contributed early to the 2027 fund-raising effort.

2027 Constable Patrol contribution levels are as follows:

Bronze	\$600
Silver	\$1,000
Gold	\$2,500
Platinum	\$5,000
Titanium	\$10,000



Condolences for the Family of Joseph Corriere, Jr.

Old Braeswood resident and retired physician Joseph Corriere, Jr., passed away on September 14, 2026. Joe and his wife Eileen Brewer, also a retired physician, have been beloved fixtures in our neighborhood for many years. Joe was formerly the head of the Urology Department at the UT Health Science Center Houston.



Eileen and Joe at 2025 Garden Club Holiday Party.

Go, Oranje!

Old Braeswood turned into a sea of orange the morning of Saturday, June 20, as the Orange Fan March, supporting the Netherlands in the FIFA World Cup, surged through our neighborhood on their way to Reliant Stadium for their first-stage match against Sweden. The march began adjacent to Rice Stadium, and fans dressed in orange made their way down Greenbriar to the game site. Old Braeswood residents turned up in force for the spectacle, including (left to right) Sherri Walsh, Annette Eldridge, Krista Heidersbach, Christine Manca, and Maribel Reuter. This was a truly unique neighborhood memory!



Farewell, Krista & Mike

Neighbors will miss Krista Heidersbach and Mike Kelly when they move to Florida this fall. The couple have made wonderful contributions to life in Old Braeswood.

Krista served for several years as the POA social chairman. She was instrumental in starting the venerable Book Club and led the group for many years. She also initiated the popular neighborhood mahjong group. Mike served as treasurer of the POA and has been a tireless volunteer for social events. They graciously opened their home for the Neighbor-to-Neighbor Tour in 2018.

We wish Mike and Krista all the best in their new state!



Left to right: G.G. Hsieh, Ann Huete, Mike Kelly, Krista Heidersbach, Sabina Lee, and Maribel Reuter.

Garden Club News

Last spring, members of the Garden Club, along with spouses and significant others, gathered together for the annual Flower Show evening at the home of Terese and Gary Wagner.

Members created imaginative floral arrangements on the theme of "Island Breeze," with honors going to Dee Murray, Susan Teich, Terese Wagner, and Christine Manca. The 2026-27 program year is now under way. At the September meeting, held at the home of Elayne Kouzounis, past president Sherri Walsh (left) passed the gavel to incoming president Annette Eldridge (right).



Constable Patrol Update *by Courtney Duperier*

Our Harris County Precinct 1 Constable Patrol remained busy throughout the summer, maintaining a strong and visible presence in Old Braeswood.

From May through July, deputies logged more than 1,500 activities in our neighborhood, including proactive patrol checks, Vacation Watch checks, neighborhood checks, traffic stops and responses to resident calls.

In June alone, deputies recorded 487 activities, including 279 proactive patrol checks and 132 Vacation Watch checks, along with traffic stops and responses to calls about suspicious persons, suspicious vehicles, solicitors and alarms.

July continued the strong patrol presence with 512 activities, including 254 proactive patrol checks, 163 Vacation Watch checks, 29 neighborhood checks and 12 traffic stops. Deputies also responded to suspicious vehicles, alarms, criminal mischief and theft.

Help Prevent Crime in Old Braeswood

A few important reminders for residents:

- Sign up for Vacation Watch whenever you will be away. Our summer reports show just how frequently deputies check registered homes. The online form is linked to our website's patrol page.
- Report solicitors and suspicious activity promptly. Please don't assume someone else has already called.
- Always lock your vehicles and remove valuables from sight, even when parked at home.
- Turn on your home and vehicle alarms and use exterior cameras when available.
- Keep the Constable Dispatch number, 713-755-7628, saved in your phone so you can quickly report suspicious activity.
- Phone stickers for your land lines are available upon request to info@OldBraeswood.com.

Thank you for doing your part to help limit crime in Old Braeswood!

Book Club Invitation

The Old Braeswood Book Club meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. If you are interested in joining this group, or for more information, please send a message to BookClub@OldBraeswood.com.

Mahjong Group

The neighborhood mahjong group is going strong. Everyone is having fun making new friends and learning more about the game that is taking America by storm.

If you are interested in attending a future gathering, please contact Sabina Lee at lee00138@gmail.com.



Reminders

Yard Maintenance

We have had a number of recent complaints about yard maintenance. We know it is easy for our yards to become overgrown with weeds and grass. Please remember to keep your yards well groomed.

Dog Waste

Be a good neighbor. Please do not place your dog's waste in your neighbors' trash or recycling bins.

Prevent Park Dumping

Our beloved park has become a dumping site of late for old, discarded, and broken toys, particularly small items like Legos, building blocks, puzzle pieces, and train sets. It is almost certainly not our residents who are depositing the items; however, as a reminder, please do not leave discarded and broken toys in the park, and discourage others you may see doing so.

Plan Review Required for Exterior Changes: The ARC Is Here to Help!

The Architectural Review Committee (ARC) encourages you to request a preliminary meeting to discuss projects in advance of finalizing their design. This step can help plans move quickly through the review process and may even help save you money on your project. Most preliminary meetings are held via Zoom, but the ARC is open to meeting on site if that helps with understanding the proposed project.



Please remember to consult with the ARC in advance of beginning any home updates. All exterior alterations must be reviewed and signed off on prior to construction. Contact the ARC at to verify submission requirements and for help before and during the design phase to ensure plans are approvable before they are formally submitted.

Home improvement projects requiring ARC review include new construction of homes and changes to existing homes involving building footprint, roofs, and reroofs, fences, doors and garage doors, window rehab or replacement, paint color changes, decorative elements, driveways, landscape elements, exterior paint color changes, front yard retaining walls, awnings, solar panels, projections, balconies, additions, new garages, carports, porte-cocheres, and outbuildings such as gazebos, greenhouses, or toolsheds. Fines may be levied for projects that are not submitted before implementation.

Visit OldBraeswood.com/wp/restrictions page of the website for more information.

Welcome, New Neighbors!

Catia & Joel Aronson
2426 Glen Haven

Francisca Ahn & Zane Conrad
2409 Dorrington

Kyle Dutton
2345 Blue Bonnet

Mira Shah & Isham Khan
2342 Maroneal

Aisha & Jonathan Lavinier
2507 Glen Haven

Susan & David Lazarus
2330 Glen Haven

Ashley Thanos & Shane O'Neill
2305 Blue Bonnet

John Sawyer
2500 Glen Haven

Mariana & Robert Taylor
2350 N. Braeswood



2026 OBPOA Officers Standing Committee Chairpersons & Liaisons

President	Ann Blackwood
Vice Pres.	Debra Balthazar
Vice Pres.	Erin Goldman
Vice Pres.	Daniel Parker
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At-Large	Robert Jackson
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Trees	Daniel Parker
Univ. Place Rep	Andrea Lapsley
Welcome	Maribel Reuter
Exec. Director	Evalyn Krudy

Trash & Recycling Schedule

Recycling Every other Tuesday (Schedule B)
Dates **Sept. 8 & 23** **Oct. 6 & 20**
Nov. 3 & 17 **Dec. 1, 15 & 29**

Household Trash Tuesdays (in city provided bins)

Yard Waste Tuesdays (in biodegradable bags)

Junk / Tree Limbs 3rd Monday of every other month in EVEN Months only. This change was made in July 2026, but was not communicated to citizens. Ensure waste is separated in to separate piles by type. Tree waste should be separated from junk waste.



Place household garbage or recycling at the curb in the city-provided automated bins no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening preceding collection and no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of pick up. Remove bins from curb no later than 10:00 p.m. on collection day. Bins left on the street beyond these times are subject to city fines. Ensure bins are accessible and not blocked by vehicles. Space bins a minimum of 3-feet apart.

Yard waste must be contained in city-approved biodegradable bags. Paper bags and compostable bags are available in locals stores. Branches must be tied into 3 to 4 foot bundles. Yard waste is also collected from paper bags or from your own plastic can. For more on waste collection and recycling and to sign up for reminders, visit www.HoustonTX.gov/SolidWaste.

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Garden of the Season (Summer 2026)

by Maureen Glancy

The Summer “Garden of the Season” goes to the Vanover family at 2301 Glen Haven Blvd. Jeff and Elizabeth have lived in Old Braeswood since they built their home in 2011. Jeff is founder and managing director of OakStreet Capital Management. Elizabeth is a stay-at-home mom to their son Orion, who attends Mark Twain Elementary School.

If you are heading south on Greenbriar, you cannot miss the beautiful cerise pink Bougainvilleas on the southwest corner of Glen Haven. The path leading to the front door is lined by Boxwood, and there are white lion statues guarding the entrance. There are light pink Bougainvilleas each side of the door, with Boxwood, Azaleas and Chinese Fringe Flowers along the front wall. The drive-way is lined with Buddhist Pines and there are Weeping Willows, Silver Maples and a Magnolia Tree in the front garden. The side perimeter is trimmed with a row of Bald Cypress Trees and Creeping Cucumber. Simply a gem of a garden!

